Setting up of 900 MW Power Plant at Raigarh or Dhule

*253. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has requested the Central Government to accord approval for the setting up of a 900 MW Power Plant either at Raigarh or at Dhule; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) In June, 1984, a feasibility report for the setting up of a gas turbine power station near Uran in the Raigad district was received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), from the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB). As the requisite gas was not available, the scheme could not be pursued further and the MSEB were informed accordingly in January, 1986. In August, 1988, the Government of Maharashtra had referred, *inter alia*, to the setting up of a gas turbine station (8x108 MW) either in the Raigad district or in the Dhule District.

The Maharashtra authorities have proposed revival of the Uran scheme for which the gas linkage has yet to be established. In the meanwhile, the MSEB have been advised to update the cost estimates and furnish a proper feasibility report for the scheme which could be processed for techno-economic clearance after the fuel availability is confirmed, the requisite inputs have been tied up and the necessary clearances have been obtained by the State Electricity Board.

Circle-wise approval of P&T Budget

*254. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for approving the Posts and Telecommunications Budget Circle-wise with powers for re-appropriation to the Circle Managers; and

(b) whether Government consider that such a step would give more flexibility to implement the development plans quicker and to the desired results ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH: (a) There is no such proposal to submit circle-wise budget to the Parliament. After the Budgets of the two Departments as a whole are approved by Parliament, funds are placed at the disposal of the postal and Telecom. Circles as per their needs and requirements as projected in their budget proposals. Limited powers of re-appropriation have already been given to the Heads of the Circles under working expenses.

(b) Since the funds are allotted to the Circles as per their requirements depending upon overall availability, it is felt, that deviation from the existing procedure may not be of much help.

Plan to double the oil production during Eighth Plan Period

*255. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has planned to double the oil production during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what would be the total investment to achieve the target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The crude oil production of ONGC during the terminal year of 8th Five Year Plan is expected to be around 44 million tonnes as against the currently estimated production of about 31.6 million tonnes in 1989-90. However, the production figure for 1994-95 is tentative at this stage and will be finalised alongwith finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan. Similarly, the total investment would also be finalised when the Eighth Plan is finalised.

उत्तर प्रदेश में औद्योगिक परियोजनाओं की स्थापना

*256. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में कौन-कौन सी औद्योगिक परियोजनाओं की स्थापना की गई है और उनके लिए कितनी केन्द्रीय सहायता प्रदान की गई है;

(ख) क्या 1989-90 के दौरान इस राज्य में ऐसी और परियोजनाओं की स्थापना किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे० वेंगल राव): (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में केन्द्रीय सरकारी क्षेत्र का केवल एक उद्यम अर्थात् भारत यंत्र निगम लि० स्थापित किया गया था। तथापि इस अवधि के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में स्थित मौजूदा उद्यमों में सकल परिसम्पत्ति के रूप में कुल पूंजी निवेश बढ़ कर 3584.69 करोड़ रुपये हो गया है।

(ख) जी, नहीं। 1989-90 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश मे सरकारी क्षेत्र का कोई और एकक स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ग) प्रश्न ही पैदा नहीं होता है।

Functioning of Telephone Adalats

*257. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the "Telephone Adalats" are issuing orders without hearing the parties concerned;

(b) whether this situation has arisen due to the poor legal knowledge of the Chairmen of Telephone Adalats, who are basically Telecom. Engineers/Technicians; and

(c) whether Government will appoint persons from legal profession such as retired judges to avoid unnecessary litigation in the Courts ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) No Sir. The orders on subscriber complaints are given by Telephone Adalats before hand to his satisfaction or after hearing the grievances in person on the appointed date.

(b) and (c) The heads of Telephone Adalats have full knowledge of the rules relating to Telecommunications services. Appointment of persons from legal profession is, therefore, not considered necessary.

Dispute on recovery on Gentamycin and Rifampicin

*258. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
DR. (SMT.) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2010 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the areas of dispute between the Government and the formulators of Gentamycin and Rifampicin who are to pay into the Drug Price Equalisation Account;